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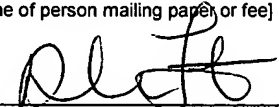
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: PFANNSCHMIDT-3

In re Application of:)
BERND PFANNSCHMIDT)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/EP2004/008299)
Int. Filing Date: July 23, 2004)
For: ELECTRIC MACHINE WITH COOLANT GUIDING CHANNEL AND CORRESPONDING COOLING METHOD)

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Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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With respect to German Auslegeschrift No. DE 26 48 824, an English-language Abstract is enclosed.

With respect to German Patent No. DE 21 45 748, an English-language Abstract is enclosed.

German Patent No. DE 23 60 830 describes a closed electric machine. Reference is made in particular to Figs. 2 and 7, with Fig. 2 showing a section, taken along the line II-II in Fig. 1, and Fig. 7 showing a longitudinal section of an embodiment of the electric machine with symmetrical cooling system.

With respect to German Offenlegungsschrift No. DE 36 01 089, an English-language Abstract is enclosed.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. DE 2 254 995 describes an internally ventilated electric machine with water recooling system. Reference is made in

particular to Fig. 3, depicting a cooling water flow diagram for the electric machine of Figs. 1 and 2.

German Auslegeschrift No. DE 24 23 853 describes a closed electric machine. Reference is made in particular to Fig. 1.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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	DE 22 54 995	05-16-1974	Germany			no
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